

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

June 6 - Aquatic field trip

June 7 - Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony

June 8 - Olympic Day/Last day of school (sack lunch needed)

News:

Aquatic Field Trip

Our field trip to Rehm Pool is scheduled for Monday, June 6th. We will travel by bus to and from the pool. We will depart from Holmes at 12:15 and plan to return around 2:30. Upon arrival, pool staff will conduct a health and safety talk as well as swim test with students to gauge their swimming ability.

Curriculum Connection

During the field trip, students will engage in different math and science related activities, including collecting and analyzing data related to exercise and heart rate, and determining the volume of the pool.

Items to Bring

Students are responsible for their own belongings, so they should not bring cell phones, toys or any electronic devices with them. The concession stand will not be open, so students should not bring extra money for food.

Students should bring:

- Bathing suit
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Beach towel
- Change of clothing (optional)
- Goggles (optional)

Behavior and Academic Expectations

This is a guilder field trip and students must have 400 guilders in order to attend. However, we have emphasized with all students that our expectations regarding behavior and work completion (homework/classwork) have not changed. Significant behavior incidents or a decline in academics may result in loss of privileges (including attendance at the pool trip) regardless of guilder eligibility.

Chaperones

We will also need parents to assist with supervision at the pool. We especially need male chaperones to help

monitor the boys' locker room. Please fill out the chaperone information section of the permission slip if you are interested in helping us.

Cost

There is no cost for this field trip, due to the generosity of the Holmes PTO. Please have your child return their permission slip by Wednesday, June 1st.

Olympic Day

Olympic Day will take place on the last day of the school year, **June 8th**. Students will need to bring a completely disposable lunch for Olympic Day. If your child would like to order a sack lunch from Holmes, please talk to your child's homeroom teacher by June 1st.

Olympic Day Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4a62ea0fc1-olympic>

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is: <http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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Art

This week we work on our legacy art project! We are hoping it's ready to be revealed at the 5th Grade Completion Ceremony.

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

The 5th grade will be performing this week at the completion ceremony and at lunch during Olympic day. For our Olympic day performance we need several large towels or throw blankets to stuff our bucket drums with so that they are not too loud. If you have any extra please bring them to school and drop them off at the music room Monday or Tuesday.

Chorus

Chorus is over for the year! We had a wonderful performance on the blacktop and hopefully I will post videos from the event on my website in the next few weeks. (www.makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com)

Spanish

Thanks for a fantastic year fifth graders! Good luck with your language classes at Brooks! You will be missed!

Library

All fifth grade books have been turned in! Thank you! If you still owe the library a fine for a lost or damaged book, that fine can be paid through the summer- Checks to D97, cash, or online.

We finished our culture project, and the videos turned out quite well. You can view the videos through a link to Google Maps. Students will need to sign in with their Google login to see the video:

[Cofsky projects](#)

[Finkbeiner projects](#)

[Lee projects](#)

[Manuel projects](#)

Summer reading has kicked off at the OPPL and all over Oak Park! Reading logs are a little different this year, asking students to complete different reading tasks and activities that are part of the theme, *Read for the Win!* If you have any questions, please check in with a friendly OPPL children or teen librarian. Curious about the reading program and fun things happening at Magic Tree Bookstore all summer? Click on [this link](#) for all your summer reading needs!

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